

Review of Planning & Economic Development Department Activities through December 2015

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“To serve the Hualapai people by developing the Tribe’s human, economic, and natural resources in ways that lead to greater self-sufficiency while protecting the people’s unique heritage, culture, and environment.”

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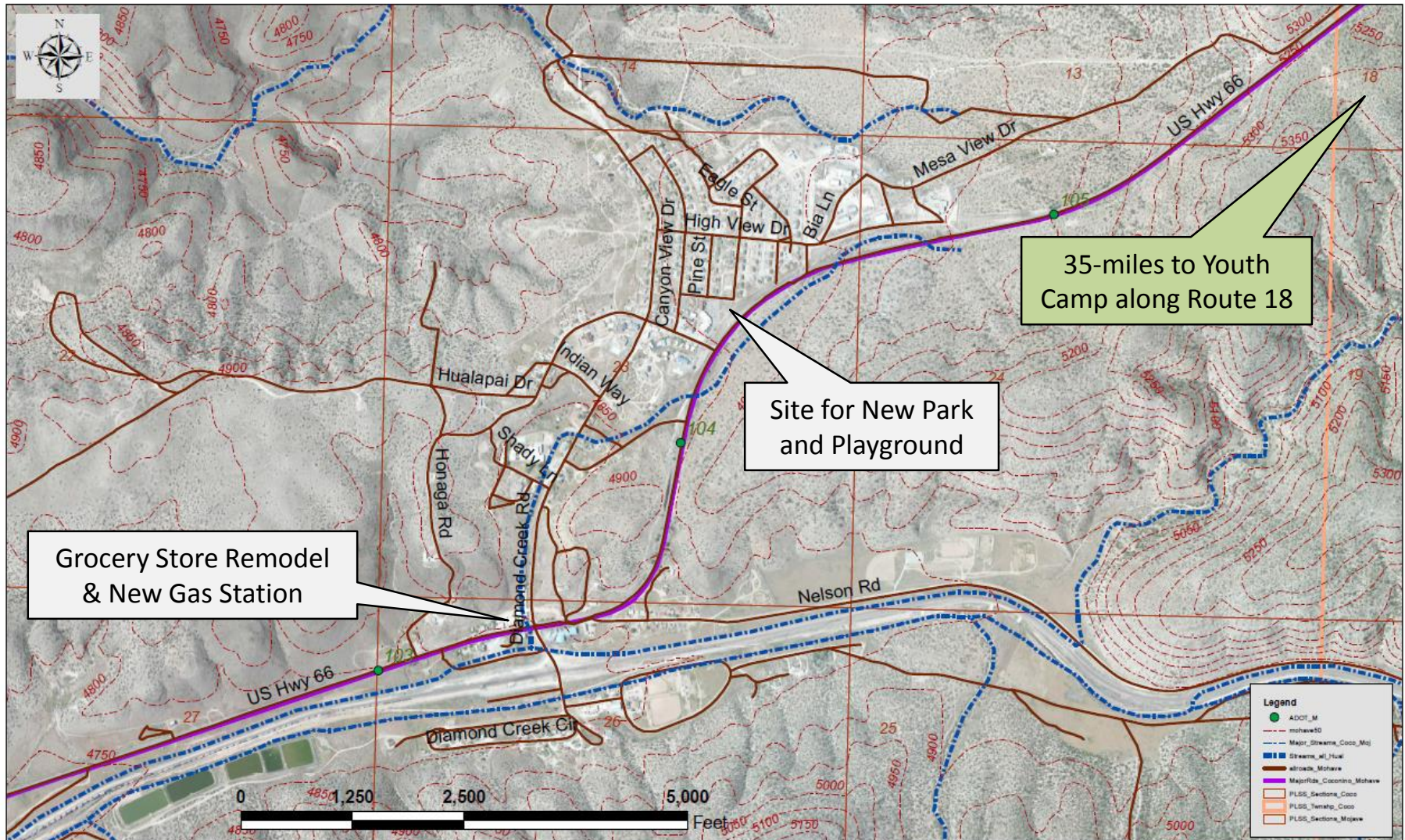
Current Projects The Planning and Economic Development Office is working on for the Hualapai Tribe

- Master Plan for the Hualapai Tribe
- New Park & Playground for Peach Springs
- Youth Camp
- Grocery Store Remodel
- Transit Study
- Grant Activities
- Housing Improvement Program
- Home Site Leases
- Building Permits
- Publish the Gamyu
- Future Projects

Master Plan for the Hualapai Tribe

- The Master Plan covers all Reservation Lands including Cholla Ranch and Truxton Triangle
- The Master Plan is divided into nine elements covering:
 - Land Use
 - Housing
 - Public Buildings
 - Economic Development
 - Infrastructure
 - Ranching, Forestry and Mining
 - Transportation
 - Environmental Protection
 - Strategic Planning
- Status:
 - Nine **elements** and the introduction have been approved by the Tribal Environmental Review Committee, with highlights published in the Gamyu.
 - When all elements have been published, and commented on by the public, a community meeting will be held to discuss the Master Plan and address public comments.

Peach Springs



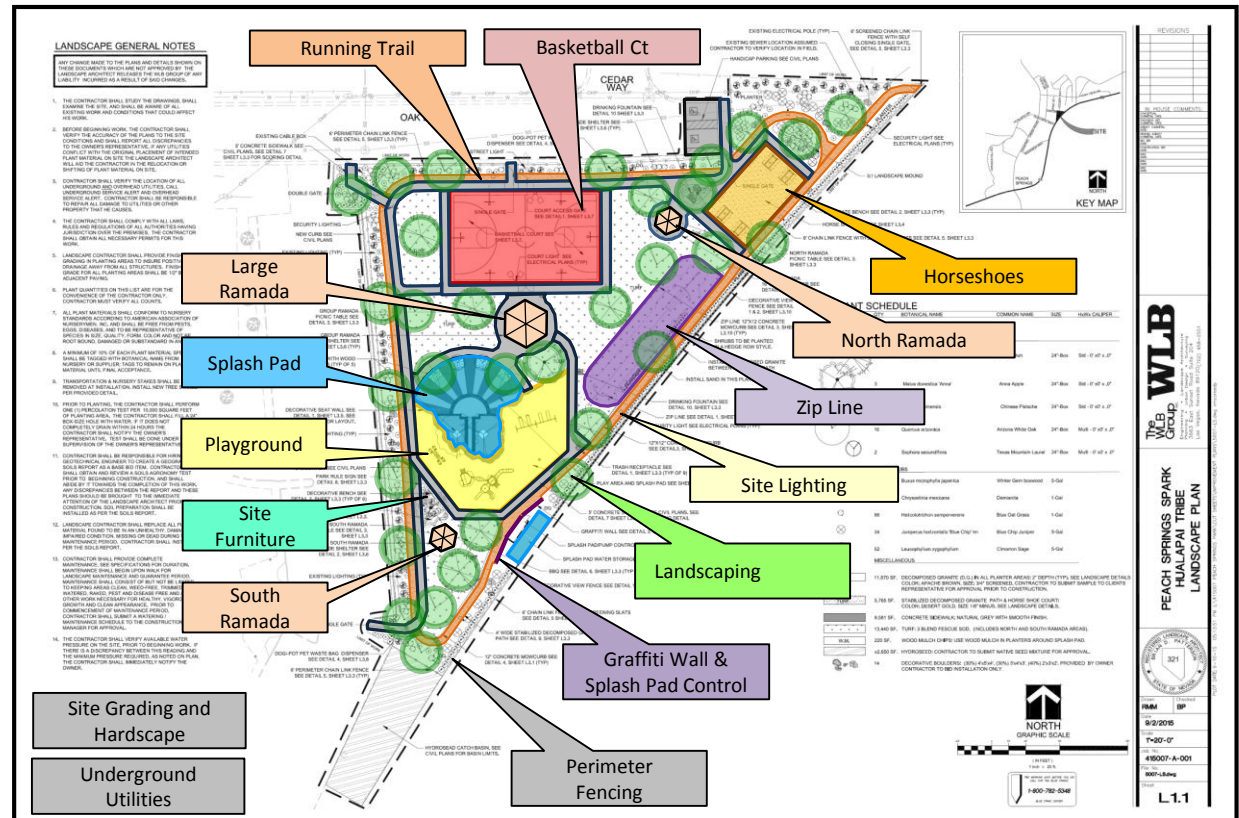
New Park & Playground

- Project: Build new playground next to Indian Health Services that includes

- 1) Basketball court,
- 2) Horseshoes,
- 3) Swings and Slides,
- 4) Shade Ramadas, and
- 5) A future water feature.

- Budget: \$250,000 and support from volunteers.

- Status: Have held two fund raising events and seeking additional grant monies to augment Tribal Council budget. To save on construction costs, the tribe is considering building the project with labor from Public Works. Phase I will include playground, basketball court and horseshoes.



Youth Camp – Infrastructure Project

- Project: New water, sewer and electric lines, RV park, open air camp sites, softball field and water tank at Thorton Tower valued at \$1,175,000.
- Status: The infrastructure project is nearly complete with construction of the new water tank at Thorton Tower ready to start.



New water line placed along roadway



New Softball field south of Bunkhouse



New septic tank east of Bunkhouse

Youth Camp – Bunkhouse, Pavilion and Laundry

- Project: A new 5,967 square foot bunk house to accommodate 24 people w/ kitchen, dining room and bathrooms, a 4,000 square foot pavilion, restrooms & laundry building valued at \$2,557,500.
- Status: Construction on the Bunk House, Pavilion and Laundry/Restroom buildings began in early 2015 will be concluded in early March 2016



Front view of Bunkhouse's main entrance



Pavilion



Laundry Building entrance

Walapai Market Remodel and Fuel Island

- Time Line:
 - Market Grand Opening on February 7, 2015, four months after start of remodel in October of 2014.
 - Fuel Station opens on May 18th, seven weeks after start of construction in March of 2015.



Chairwoman Counts lends a hand in ribbon cutting



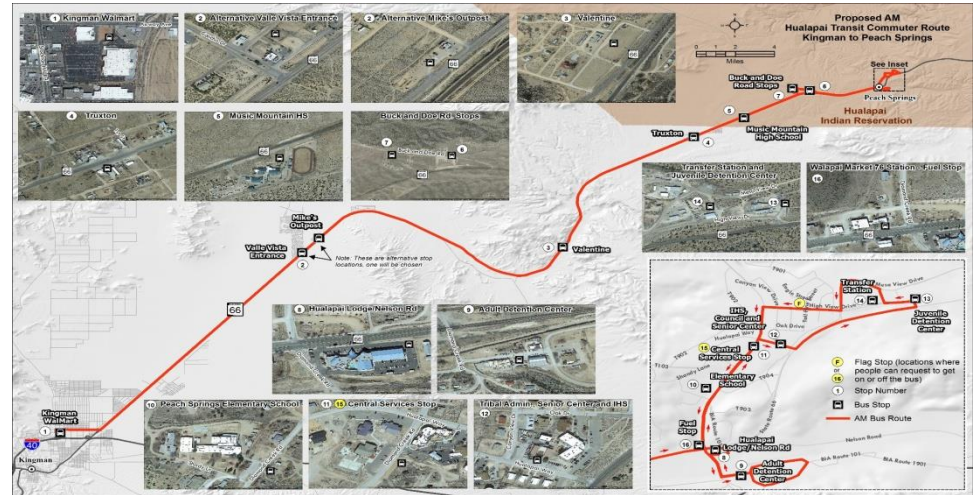
New 76 gas station at Diamond Creek entrance



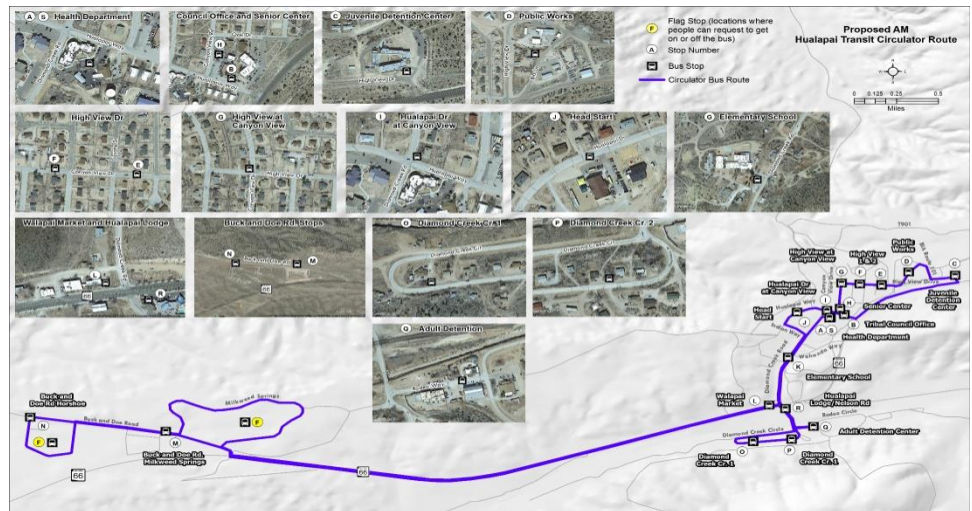
New patio at front entrance

Transit Study

- Project: A combination of ADOT, Federal Transit Authority and tribal matching funds were used to develop a transit plan for the tribe that will help tribal and GCRC employees commute to work, provide shopping trips to Kingman from Peach Springs and rides between Peach Springs and Buck & Doe during the week.
- Status: Complete.
- Next phase will be implementation which includes hiring a transit manager to run the program and to acquire additional grant funding



Route between Kingman/Valle Vista and Music Mountain/Peach Springs



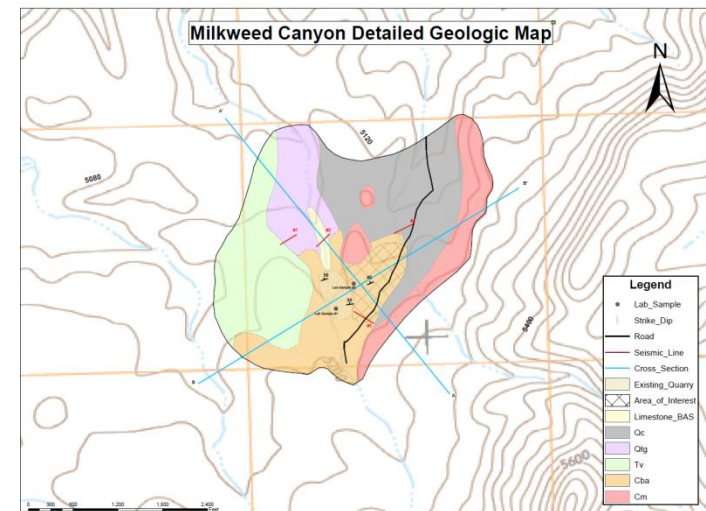
Circulator Route serving Peach Springs and Buck & Doe/Milkweed

2015 - BIA Energy and Mineral Development Program- Flagstone Marketing Study

- Proposal: \$16,052 to develop a marketing plan for the Hualapai chocolate flagstone resources located at the existing quarry on west side of the Reservation. The 2014 EMDP grant-funded study performed by Petralogix found the stone to have high strength and good geometric properties for quarrying.
- Progress to Date:
 - Application made and award announced in 2015.
 - Developing RFP with BIA grant manager to seek marketing consultant.



Hualapai Chocolate flagstone showing nearly flat bedding plane allowing for easy quarrying



Geologic map of flagstone prepared by Petralogix

Ongoing Programs

Home Site & Commercial Leases

- Objective: Provide adequate home sites for Tribal members.
- Eligibility: Lease site must be approved by Tribal Environmental Review Committee and Tribal Council.
- Provides support for Court conveyances

Youth Recreation Program

- Objective: Provide financial support to participate in recreation, educational and cultural activities
- Eligibility: Must be a Tribal member under 25 years of age.

Gamyu Newsletter

- Objective: Publish community news, editorials and public notices.
- Eligibility: Articles must not defame or slander private individuals.

Housing Improvement Program (HIP)

- Objective: Provide safe and sanitary housing to Tribal members
- Eligibility: Based on income, age, disability and number of dependents
- Options: Build new home up to \$120K or remodel existing home up to \$35K

Tribal Environmental Review Commission

- Objective: Review all land use and building permit applications with recommendations to Tribal Council.

Building Permits (General & Low Impact)

- Objective: Ensure that all building structures are built in a safe and sound manner per the Building Code.
- Eligibility: Building Permits are required for structures unless specifically noted by Hualapai Environmental Review Code.

Examples of Housing Improvement Program homes now under construction that were funded from 2014 HIP/BIA Awards



Reconstruction of home on Diamond Creek Circle



Foundation for new home on Diamond Creek Road



Remodeled kitchen and cabinetry



Wall framing and shear panels

Other Projects in Process

Grant Applications/Awards

- 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant for improving the residences of individual, low-income home owners.
- Deployment of Clean and Renewable Energy on Indian Lands grant (DOE) for solar equipment.
- Rural Utilities Services, High Energy Cost grant award of \$1,881,130 by USDA to Hualapai to construct part of a power line along Diamond Bar Road to bring utility grid electricity to Grand Canyon West.

Activities

- Assisting Public Services Department on creation of tribal transit program and in applying for state and federal grants.
- Working with Public Services Department on design and NEPA review to elevate Diamond Creek Road over BNSF railroad.
- Developing Health Impact Assessment for parks & playgrounds on the Reservation
- Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority
- Coordinating tribe's Boulder Canyon Project hydro-power allocations from Western & APA
- APS 500 KV right-of-way renewal